

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. – 10. (Canceled)

11. (New) A control system (1) for a motor vehicle, said system comprising:

a manual operating device having a plurality of adjustment degrees of freedom for at least one and selecting and activating entries in a menu structure having a plurality of menu levels,

a screen display having a plurality of active display areas for displaying the menu structure, the active display areas each comprising at least one field for displaying one of the entries, wherein

a first plurality of said entries being arranged in a second display area which is in the form of a list in one of said active display areas on at least one menu level, and

an (n+1)th display area activated and displayed by activating at least one of said entries in an nth display area, wherein the (n+1)th display area is displayed beside the nth display area or in such a manner that it at least partially overlaps the nth display area, on the screen display in the active display area, and wherein

n is a natural number.

12. (New) The control system as claimed in claim 11, wherein the (n+1)th display area is displayed on the screen display on the basis of available free space.

13. (New) The control system as claimed in claim 11, wherein the (n+1)th display area is in the form of a list having at least one entry.
14. (New) The control system as claimed in claim 11, wherein the (n+1)th display area at least partially overlaps a plurality of display areas.
15. (New) The control system as claimed in claim 11, wherein the (n+1)th display area is displayed within the nth display area.
16. (New) The control system as claimed in claim 15, wherein the (n+1)th display area, which is in the form of a list, shifts the plurality of said entries in the list of the nth display area downward or upward in the case of a vertical list or to the left or right in the case of a horizontal list.
17. (New) The control system as claimed in claim 15, wherein the (n+1)th display area has the same width as the nth display area.
18. (New) The control system as claimed in claim 11, wherein the (n+1)th display area is in the form of a parameter area for setting a parameter.
19. (New) The control system as claimed in claim 18, wherein the (n+1)th display area, which is in the form of a parameter area replaces the entry, which activates it, in the list of the nth display area.
20. (New) The control system as claimed in claim 11, wherein at least a last activated display area which was activated last is closed by operating the manual operating means with an adjustment degree of freedom which is

orthogonal to the orientation of the entries in the last activated display area wherein all of the activated display areas are simultaneously closed in the case of an operating direction away from the triggering display area, and only the last activated display area is closed by an operation toward the triggering display area, and wherein the triggering display area is activated for a new selection of an entry.

21. (New) The control system as claimed in claim 12, wherein the (n+1)th display area is in the form of a list having at least one entry.

22. (New) The control system as claimed in claim 12, wherein the (n+1)th display area at least partially overlaps a plurality of display areas.

23. (New) The control system as claimed in claim 13, wherein the (n+1)th display area at least partially overlaps a plurality of display areas.

24. (New) The control system as claimed in claim 12, wherein the (n+1)th display area is displayed within the nth display area.

25. (New) The control system as claimed in claim 13, wherein the (n+1)th display area is displayed within the nth display area.

26. (New) The control system as claimed in claim 14, wherein the (n+1)th display area is displayed within the nth display area.

27. (New) The control system as claimed in claim 16, wherein the (n+1)th display area has the same width as the nth display area.

28. (New) The control system as claimed in claim 12, wherein the (n+1)th display area is in the form of a parameter area for setting a parameter.

29. (New) The control system as claimed in claim 13, wherein the (n+1)th display area is in the form of a parameter area for setting a parameter.